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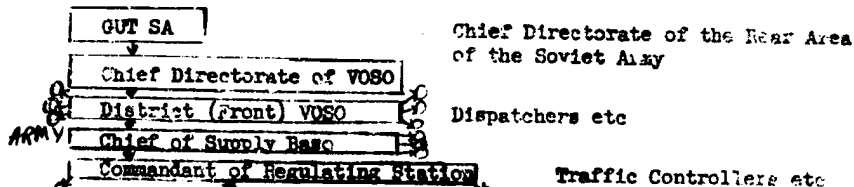
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1. In the period of World War II the Soviet Army rear area underwent a series of changes, the chief of which was the concentration of all transportation under a single direction. The Chief of the Rear Area of the Armed Forces of the USSR (1951) a deputy minister of the VC (Armed Forces) and his staff were in charge for all transportation except air, just as for other supply services.
2. The Chief Directorate of Military Transportation comes under the Chief Directorate of the Rear Area of the VS, USSR. Personnel of the VOSO (Military Communication) agencies of the Soviet Army receive training in the Military Transportation Academy i/n L M Kaganovich.
3. At the headquarters of military districts there exist departments of Military Transportation (VOSO), which come under the Directorate of the Rear Area for the district and also the front. The Chief of VOSO for the front sends and receives transports from his depots and bases of supply or from deep in the rear area (from the depots of the Chief Directorate of the Rear Area) only as far as the regulating stations. The Commandant of the regulating station accepts the trains and freight from the Chief of VOSO for the front and sends them on according to destination. As regards any other forwarding of transports, he is already subordinate to the Chief of the army base. At this stage, in effect, is completed any further breakdown of the agencies of VOSO. The Commandants of the regulating stations, supply bases and corresponding organizations and also the Chiefs of the VOSO departments of military districts in the area of their activity have station commandants and traffic control groups. The basic functions of the agencies of VOSO are the planning and the implementation of military transportation.
4. The following is an organization diagram of the VOSO agencies of the Soviet Army:



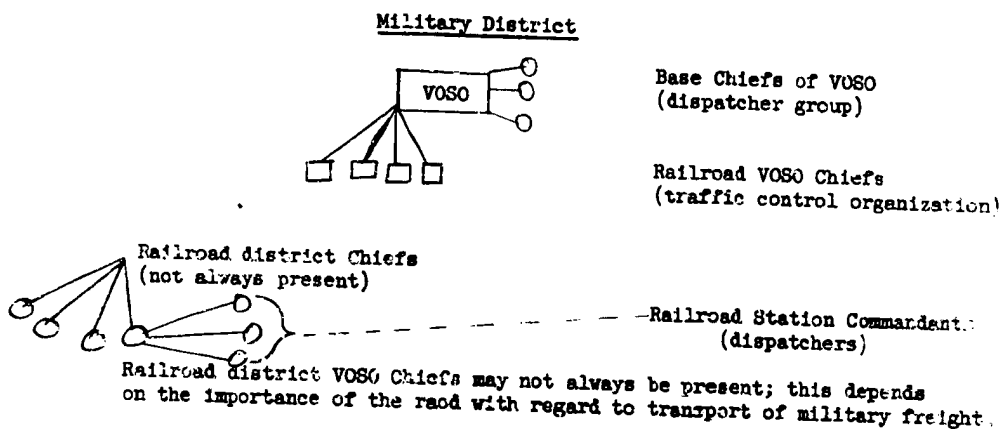
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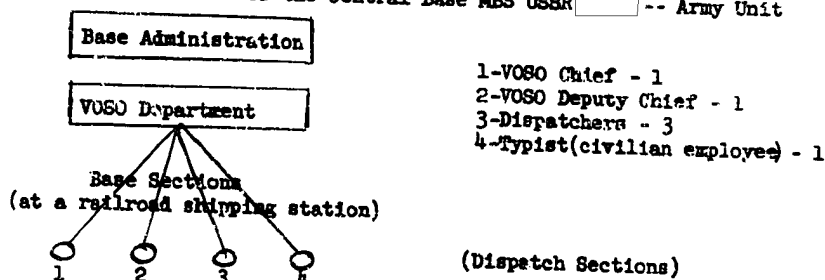
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5. At major railway junctions, as well as at ports and airfields, there are representatives of the Military Transportation agencies of the Soviet Army, in the person of the military Commandants of railroad stations (traffic control groups) and Chiefs of VOSO.
6. The military Commandant of a railroad station provides for passenger transportation of military personnel according to military railroad requisitions (Form No 1). The rules are given in the internal regulations of the VS, USSR. The Commandant's traffic control group provides for all other freight transportation. In peace time these organs, as well as others, are subordinate to the Chief of Military Transportation of the railroad. For example, the Directorate of the Brest Railroad is located at Baranovichi; there also is to be found the Chief of Military Transportation of the railroad. He coordinates the activity of the military Commandants and the traffic control groups which are entrusted to him. In his own turn he is subordinate to the Military District. In any Military District there are several such Chiefs of Military Transportation (depending on the railroad network).
7. In war time the Commandants and Traffic Controllers attached to the army operate according to the same principle. At the disposal of the Chief of the Rear Area of the VS, USSR, there are a large number of supply bases (for provisions, military-technical equipment etc), as well as special purpose bases, for example, the Brest transshipment base [] which is []. Attached to these bases are Chiefs of VOSO who are directly subordinate to the Military District, by-passing the administrative sections of the Chief of Military Transportation of railroads. There is constant cooperation in the practical activity of the traffic control groups of bases and railroad stations.
8. The following is an organization chart showing the position of a Railroad Station Commandant



9. A railroad station military Commander has the following staff: Deputy Commander for passenger traffic, Deputy Commander for freight traffic, three duty officers, Chief of the traffic control group, three duty traffic controllers. A Base VOSO has about the following staff: VOSO Chief, VOSO Deputy Chief and three to four dispatchers. Thus the principal local representatives will be the VOSO Chiefs and the Commanders of the railroad stations. Army and VOSO bases are not concerned with passenger traffic.
10. The following is a VOSO organization chart of the Central Base MBS USSR [] -- Army Unit



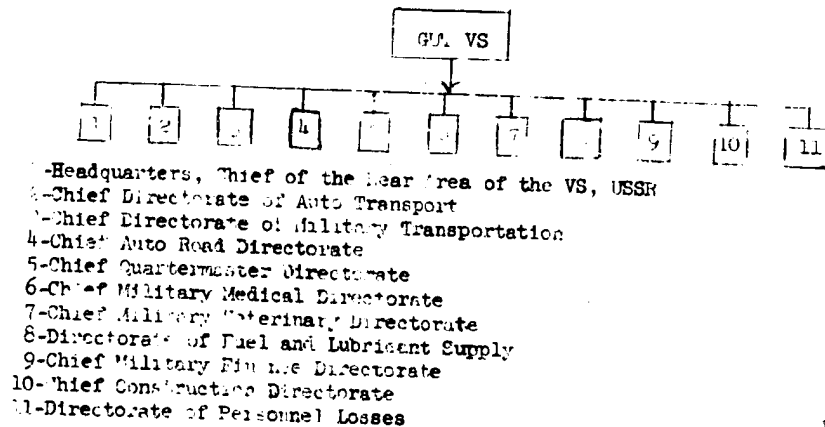
Each base section has a dispatch section, which has the following staff: one dispatch group chief, three dispatchers.

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11. The organizational structure of the Chief Directorate of Military Transportation of the Soviet Army, distinguished from the Directorate of VOSO of a military district, has a more complicated structure: as for functions, those of both organizations are identical. There are two basic departments in the Chief Directorate: the Department of Passenger Transportation and the Department of Freight Transportation (subdivided according to military districts).
12. The following is a diagram of the Rear Area of the VS USSR:



The Chief of the Rear Area of the VS, USSR, is General of the Army (fmu) Khrulev.
His First Deputy is Colonel General (fmu) Vinogradov.

13. The Ministries of the Air Force and the Navy have their own regular VS agencies, operating on the above described principle. The Directorates of Military Transportation of these ministries are subordinate to the Chief Directorate of VOSO of the Soviet Army. The officers of VOSO receive higher training in the Military Transportation Academy I/V Naganovich in the city of Leningrad. The Academy trains cadres for all these ministries, in departments which are appropriate to these ministries.

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